

Capsule Summary  
SM-757  
Adams House  
Drayden vicinity  
Private

circa 1900

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# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. SM-757

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Adams House

### 2. Location

street and number East side of Flat Iron Road just north of its intersection with Drayden Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Drayden x vicinity

county St. Mary's

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Ernest T and Louise G. Adams

street and number General Delivery telephone N/a

city, town Drayden state Md zip code 20630

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse tax map and parcel TM-62, P-24

city, town Leonardtown liber EWA 570 folio 304

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>      </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>      </u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>      </u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Located on the east side of a slight bend in Flat Iron Road is the Adams House. Oriented on a north/south axis, the now overgrown property consists of three acres. The tract is bounded by residential lots to the north, east, and south while Flat Iron Road creates the west boundary. The parcel is topographically flat and the house is currently vacant and deteriorating.

The Adams House is a two story, three bay, frame house with a two story rear ell. Constructed circa 1900, the house has largely lost its historically agricultural setting as the lot is currently overgrown obscuring much of the house's architectural details. Judging from the east and south elevations, the house's exterior walls are sheathed with wood butt shingles, while the gable roof is clad with asphalt shingles. The roof is pierced by at least two corbelled chimney flues that extend from both the main block and rear ell. Window types range from one-over-one double-hung sash to six-over-six double-hung sash. Some windows still feature their original louvered shutters.

Due to the overgrown nature of the property only a limited analysis of the overall building form could be conducted. The most visible elevations were the east, south, and north.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Hammett, Regina Combs. History of St. Mary's County, Maryland: 1634-1990. Ridge, Md: Self-published, 1994.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 3 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 3 acres  
Quadrangle name Piney Point

Quadrangle scale: 1:24 000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The tract is bounded by residential lots to the north, east, and south while Flat Iron Road creates the west boundary. A more specific description of the properties boundaries can be found in St. Mary's County Land Records Liber EWA 570, Folio 304.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Leonardtwn	state	Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Adam's House

St. Mary's County

Dick Ranzetta

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MD SAPD

elevation

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